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DIARY NOTES

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1. I furnished [REDACTED] a brief note on contingency planning for [REDACTED] to be incorporated in General Carter's cable to Mr. McCone, who is now in [REDACTED].

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2. I met with the [REDACTED] Contingency Committee, at which time I expressed my dissatisfaction with the speed and thoroughness of our progress. I detected an attitude to the effect that there was not very much we could do until we knew what [REDACTED] was going to do. I emphasized to the assembled group that we must assume that we would first evacuate all dependents from [REDACTED], then eventually evacuate our station, closing down activity completely, and at the last minute destroy all classified files and equipment. I said that, while we hope none of these plans would ever be implemented, this action must be our assumption and that we must push hard on our thinking in this direction, recognizing that what we do must be in

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4. [REDACTED] advised me that Dave Bell, Administrator of the Agency for International Development, had approved in principle the move of the [REDACTED] The Department of State is raising some questions as to whether this move is desirable from a political standpoint, however, and this matter probably will be discussed at the Special Group Meeting on Thursday, 30 January. I sent General Carter a note to this effect saying that I proposed to defer making any specific recommendation to him [REDACTED] pending a decision by the Special Group. (At the Executive Committee Meeting on 28 January General Carter raised this question again, seeming to question the wisdom of moving [REDACTED] and asked for a briefing paper prior to the Special Group Meeting on Thursday. Dick Helms assumed responsibility for this action.)

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5. John Tietjen reported that he had had a good talk with [REDACTED] recently and that he would continue to follow this case.

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6. I queried John Tietjen about the disposition of [REDACTED] the doctor who was evacuated [REDACTED] John said that he had resigned. I told John that I should like to talk to him further about this sometime since I did not really understand what [REDACTED] was supposed to do down in [REDACTED] and I was not sure that [REDACTED] did either. In any case, he did not behave in the way that I would hope any one of our medical officers would behave during the crisis down there involving the evacuation of all of our people. This was a golden opportunity for any good doctor to be a real hero, whereas as far as I could observe [REDACTED] was just another evacuee and not a very aggressive one at that.

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7. Bob Bannerman called at 0835 hours to report that the union issue at the [REDACTED] had been settled. A contract had been agreed upon between union and company which does not provide for access by union officials to our facilities except on a highly controlled basis.

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